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Idled by budget crunch

Buses that sit idle during mid-day at the Hanford bus lot are due to be sidelined altogether. The heavily subsidized service, which carries only about 1,200 of the 6,000 Hanford employees north of the Wye Barricade, is targeted for elimination because it's not cost-effective.

DOE-RL has directed Westinghouse Hanford to discontinue the service that started in the early 1940s as part of the war effort and was based on restrictions on private vehicles, potential radiological hazards and security issues—all of which no longer apply. See related story on page 8.

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200 East Health Service Center to limit office hours

Beginning next Monday, March 6, the 200 East Health Service Center will no longer be open 24 hours, seven days a week. The facility will instead be open weekdays from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Keeping the facility open at all times was not cost-effective. A study indicated that there was an average of less than one visit per shift over the past year.

During daytime hours, off hours and on weekends, employees experiencing any major life-threatening illness or job injury should immediately call 911 for a paramedic emergency response. The 911 system will notify the HEHF on-call medical provider for the management of any major casualty, chemical or radiological contamination.

For any minor non-emergency job injury, employees should seek immediate assistance from their company's designated "first-aider" and report to their immediate supervisor.

During daytime hours, the employee should then go to the nearest Health Service Center for assessment, treatment and job-injury reporting. During off-regular hours, the employee should report to the nearest HEHF Health Service Center the next regular workday.



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